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A FIGHT AT SACRAMENTO TO KILL DISTRICT

Reports from Sacramento indicate that a determined attempt will be made by the corporation interests to amend the present county water district law in such a way as to make it less effective as a means to oppose their attempts to grab the water supply of this section. The Lake County people have representatives at Sacramento and up to the present time all the information in regard to legislation adverse to our water district law has come from them. It will be necessary for our people to be on the alert and also to be ready to fight all measures aimed against us. There is danger that if we do not vigorously oppose the attempts of the corporations irreparable injury may be done our cause. Evidently the corporations have decided that it will be better to amend the law to suit themselves than to fight us in the courts under the law as it now stands.

THE COUNTRY CLUB HELD ITS MEETING AT CENTERVILLE

The Country Club held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday afternoon at the Club House in Centerville. Mrs. W. B. Kirk presided. In the absence of Mrs. Thompson, secretary, Mrs. Hunt was appointed to fill her place for the day. Mrs. H. Cushing the appointed hostess was also absent. After reading of the minutes of last meeting, Mrs. Kirk reported \$30 received at the last directors' meeting, \$27 of which was the contribution from the Centerville ladies toward the Club House fund for the year. Notice was given that the delegates to the State Federation meeting at Pasadena from May 1st to 5th inclusive would be appointed at the April meeting. Officers for the Country Club will also be elected at the April meeting. The president appointed the following as nominating committee: Mrs. Witherly chairman, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Bunting auditing committee, Mrs. Scribner, Mrs. J. Norris and Miss Ethel Anderson. Mrs. J. E. Thane of the Niles Woman's Club invited the members of the Club to attend the meeting at her home on Thursday afternoon of this week to hear Mr. Street lecture on Current History. After recess came the report of Miss Mary Brown and Mrs. F. M. Hudson delegates to the Alameda District Federation recently held in Oakland, also spoke of the work planned by the District Federation for the relief of crippled children soon to be taken up. Some discussion followed by the members on the vandalism practiced by the people from the cities traveling through the country districts by automobile invading private grounds, orchards, etc. A motion was made and carried that the Club should take some action to

BEZ SAYS HE IS STILL A FAITHFUL DEMOCRAT

Irvington,
March 8, 1917.
To the Editor of the Washington Press.

Dear Sir:—

The article in the Press of last week on who shall be Postmaster of Irvington is very unfair to me. In so far as it concerns me, it is a false statement and a misrepresentation from beginning to end. I deny that I have been slated for the position of Postmaster at Irvington. I have passed the Civil Service Examination and as one of the three highest applicants I am eligible for the position. I admit that I am doing all in my power in a fair and honest way to obtain the position and I suppose the other applicants are doing the same. I deny that at the last election, or at any other time, I have registered as a Republican. My sworn affidavit of registration shows that I am a Democrat. I also appear under my party designation on the Index to the Great Register of Alameda County. I am registered as a Democrat on the Precinct Register of Irvington on file in the registration office in Oakland.

In conclusion, I am qualified for the position of Postmaster under the civil service rules regardless of my party affiliation.

Very truly yours,
CHAS. J. BEZ.

see if there is any lawful remedy. At the close of the program Mr. Crede of Alvarado accompanied by Miss Lyle, sang several vocal solos in a fine voice which were listened to with much pleasure, closing a pleasant afternoon session.

FARM BUREAU MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Murray Township Center, Monday, March 12th at Livermore; Irvington, Gramar School, Tuesday, March 13th; Hayward Heath Center, Wednesday, March 14th at Hayward Heath; Pleasanton Center, Thursday, March 15th

LITTLE BITS OF NEWS

"THE CANNERY is coming" is the slogan in Centerville. Plans and discussion have held the floor for some time and soon there will be actual and material action to report.

DEPUTY ASSESSOR EMANUEL GEORGE is again going the rounds in the Township on his duties connected with the necessary evil of government, namely the gathering of the wherewithal.

THE FIGHT FOR POSTMASTER in Irvington is suffering a temporary lull since the filibuster in the senate.

NEWARK'S STREETS have been graded during the past week under the direction of A. S. Caldeira, roadmaster. This may mean a considerable blessing to drivers whose cars will skid in the mud.

BURGLARS IN ALVARADO furnished the local and long-distance officers some merriment this week. A junk man was captured by Constable Rose Wednesday with stolen goods in his possession.

WIRE THIEVES CAUGHT IN THE ACT were captured Monday night in Niles. Constable Rose got one of them and the other was taken into custody by Mr. Drennan's dog "Sausage".

THE WATER DISTRICT IS IN DANGER again as a result of an attempt being made at Sacramento to amend the Caminetti law. The people of the Township ought to get busy on the matter at once.

"SAUSAGE", NILES POLICE DOG, MAKES ARREST OF SEASON

"Sausage" is the name of Night-watchman Ed Drennan's dog.

Paul Curtis is the name given by the wire thief taken into custody by Sausage Monday night.

It happens that wire thieves have been getting away with considerable valuable stuff of late. Monday night two of them, Paul Curtis and John Kels, were caught in the act of moving the wire from the Ellsworth packing house. Mr. E. A. Ellsworth came upon them, and very wisely be took himself to Constable Rose with the information concerning what he had seen. Rose and Drennan and Sausage and a few others started after the men.

Before the posse arrived on the scene the thieves, who had about \$200 worth of wire in their machine, broke and ran up the canyon. Rose started after Kels and got him. Drennan gave chase to Curtis but was soon out-distanced. When he saw that his man was escaping him, Drennan turned Sausage loose, and Curtis was soon apprehended by the dog.

Niles surely has a first rate police dog.

COUNTY BANDITS TERRORIZE TOWN

Several hundred dollars in loot was secured Tuesday night by burglars who ransacked practically every business house and hotel in Alvarado. Deputy Sheriffs Joe Soares and Bert Brown took the trail Wednesday morning, of the robbers, who carried away with them several slot machines.

The places entered were the Alvarado Hotel, the Riverside Hotel, the Lopez saloon and the roadhouse of Tony Mello. In each place cash was taken from the tills and rooms ransacked.

That the men, three in number, operated with an automobile is evidenced in the fact that several heavy slot machines, containing large amounts of cash, were carried away. According to Soares and Brown the gang left little workable evidence behind them.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Word has been received that Mr. Thomas H. Reed, Manager of the City of San Jose, will surely be at Niles for the address next Sunday evening. Delegations are expected from several other towns of the township, to hear his interesting message. A man who can "pull down" a salary of \$6000 a year is worth hearing especially when he knows how to tell his story. He will speak at the church next Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

At six o'clock the same evening the men's league will give a supper to a large number of men of the community at which time officers will be elected and general plans laid.

Next Sunday morning Mr. Gill will give the last of his series of sermons, the subject being "The Church that Will Build the Kingdom".

NATIVE SONS MAKE PLANS FOR COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE

On Sunday, March 11th, at 1:30 at the Native Sons Hall, 11th and Clay streets, Oakland, the East Bay Native Sons League will hold a meeting for the transaction of very important business. It is hoped and urged that all the parlor have their representatives there whether they intend to come into the league or not. The officers are particularly desirous that the representatives from the outlying towns be there.

One of the most important questions to be taken up is the finances. Two theories so far have been advanced. One is that the receipts from each game be turned into a general fund after the expenses are paid, and that the profits at the end of the season be divided equally among the parlors. Another is that the gate receipts after each game be divided equally among the contesting parlors. In case of country towns, it is the sentiment of the majority that they take all the profits after paying the transportation and expenses of the visiting teams. This will give all the country towns a chance to enrich their respective treasuries, as the games are well attended.

The main purpose of the league is to stir up interest and a closer relationship between the parlors. It is hoped that all the parlors will enter teams whether they have cracker jack teams or not.

The rules of the league provide for carrying of 15 players by each team, a list of which must be submitted to the Secretary at the opening of the League. Every player must be a bona fide member of the Parlor under which he plays, and the importation of paid players will be strictly prohibited.

JAILS FOR EDITORS

Chapter I, section 3, of the Senate "bill to define and punish espionage and for other purposes" runs as follows:

"Whoever, in time of war, by any means or in any manner, spread or make reports or statements, or convey any information, with intent to cause disaffection in or to interfere with the operations or success of, the military or naval forces of the United States, or shall wilfully spread or make false reports or statements or convey any false information calculated to cause such disaffection or interference, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 and by imprisonment for life or any period less than 30 years."

Attention ought to be called to the fact that it is not necessarily false reports or statements, or malicious reports or statements, but any reports or statements which in the opinion of partisan judges might interfere with war operations may, under this bill, be treated as criminal. Honest criticism could be punished by life imprisonment. If this law had been in force and enforced during the Civil War Horace Greely and an army of lesser editors could have been made to end their lives behind prison bars. If it is ever enforced in the United States the national press association will be able to hold meetings in jail and hardly miss a member.—The Bulletin.

JUNK MAN JAILED

Domenico Padodana was arrested by Constable Rose Wednesday upon the charge of John Lemos for appropriating water pipe and fixtures belonging to him from a vacant house near Alvarado.

Lemos was walking past a Ford in Alvarado when he noticed some pipe in it that strongly resembled some of his own that had strayed away from the vacant place of his. Upon closer investigation he became convinced that the pipe was his, also that it would probably lead to the arrest of the person who had relieved him of his property. He notified Rose and the arrest was made.

Padodana is a junk dealer, who does not own his own rig but hires one on his visits about the country.

DEATH OF MOTHER OF JUDGE DONAHUE

Mrs. Catherine Donahue, mother of Superior Judge William H. Donahue, and one of the oldest pioneer women of Alameda County, died Wednesday morning after an illness of several years at the home of her son, Fred Donahue, 171 Santa Clara avenue. She was a native of County Sligo, Ireland, 88 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the old mission church at Mission and San Jose, which Mrs. Donahue and her late husband, Patrick Donahue, attended for years.

Mrs. Donahue came to this country as a small girl and settled with her husband in Mission San Jose more than 64 years ago.

Surviving her are five sons and a daughter. Judge William H. Donahue, Fred Donahue, clerk in the court-room of Police Judge Mortimer Smith; Edward, John and Charles Donahue, and Mrs. C. Noll of Irvington.

"THE PEPPER BOX" CAUSES A STIR AT WASHINGTON HIGH

(Note: The second issue of the Washington High School's new bi-weekly journal was published Wednesday as "The Pepper Box", from which the following is extracted.)

THE PEPPER BOX

Editorial Staff

Phillip Griffin, Editor; Charles Overacker, News Editor; Henry May, Athletic Editor; Edmund Scott, Comedy.

Reporters

Inez Silva, Katherine Christensen, George Wright, Alice Sarmento, Raymond Copeland, Myrtle Bez, Sidney Snow, Mavis Scribner.

Cartoonists

Harry Hunt, Grace Hauch.

Business Staff

Talton Stealy, Business Manager; Leland Wales, Associate; Ina Bell, Circulation.

Manager Copeland, Wrote down to Oakland To get our boys a ball game Though when the letter got there There were no games to spare We must fill up this space all the same.

The fact that there was no game Saturday, was in no way the fault of our management. Oakland High First Team had games scheduled but they agreed to send their second team up. As second teams are not very important so far as playing outside games are concerned, they evidently did not try very hard to get the team up here. The failed to arrive. At least no one can or will say that Mr. Copeland has not been faithfully in his duties as manager.

Interclass Track Meet

The interclass meet which was started Monday, showed what we need most. No records were broken by any matter of means.

The Junior-Sophomore Debate

All who attended the Junior-Sophomore debate last Friday can easily say it was a dandy. There were four debaters from each class and each tried his best to outdo the opponent which was no easy task. The question up for debate was: Capital punishment should or should not be abolished in California. The Sophomore class had the affirmative side and the Juniors had the negative. There were three of the Seniors chosen for the judges and we can truly say they were fair. The Juniors are convinced that they put up the best argument and think that they proved that capital punishment should not be abolished but they surely will have to give in to the Sophs when it comes to speaking. The Sophs are the ones that have a good flow of language and who do not appear to be afraid. The Juniors will give them credit for that and they are positive that that is what won the debate for them. Next Friday

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JOKER ATTACHED TO LAW WOULD KILL DISTRICT'S POWER

The latest amendment to our County Water District law suggested by the Spring Valley agents at Sacramento is to amend the law which now gives all unappropriated water in a county water district to that district by adding the following significant exception, "except as the same may be needed for domestic or municipal purposes."

The effect of this amendment would be to give the Spring Valley Water Co. the privilege of selling out our water rights to the city of San Francisco regardless of our protests. In other words it would kill the whole purpose of our district and render absolutely useless everything we have heretofore done as a district. In other words this amendment would enable the Spring Valley to give San Francisco a clear title to the water of the Alameda Creek water shed. It would also enable the Peoples Water Co. to sell Oakland and the East Bay cities the right to pump our township dry.

Summed up in a few words this latest Spring Valley gem would give the people of this township whatever water San Francisco or Oakland didn't need.

Evidently our fight at present is not before the State Water Commission but at Sacramento. Some of our luke warm supporters will probably realize now that our lack of faith in the good intentions of the Spring Valley Water Co. are pretty well founded.

Now, wouldn't it be delightful if the only paper the people of this township had to defend their interests were the Township Register or the Pleasanton Times?

HAYWARD CENTER FARM BUREAU MEETING

The regular meeting of the Hayward Farm Bureau Center was held at the Wigwam at Mt. Eden Monday evening, March 5th and was well attended.

Mr. Henry May, Director at Decoto, who took the trip with the California Farm Bureau Conference, was present and gave an interesting account of the work of the Farm Bureau in the eight counties visited by the conference. Mr. M. J. Madison was at the meeting, and announced the coming meeting of the Prune and Apricot Growers Association which will be held at the W. O. W. Hall, Hayward, Friday evening, March 16th.

A new feature was added to the program at this meeting, inasmuch as the members of this center had sent in to their director, Mr. C. A. Rinderspacher, prior to the meeting a list of questions which were pertinent to the agriculture of that locality at this time. That is, this was a general get-together proposition so that the inexperienced man might get the benefit of the experienced man in that locality. This feature of the meeting created a good deal of interest and promises to be a big drawing card in getting a larger attendance at the meetings.

Farm Adviser Lee was present and after a short talk on "Moisture Conservation", illustrating capillary attraction and the benefits of mulches of various kinds on conserving moisture, answered the various questions put to him.

Coming Events

**MARCH 10, Saturday. National Orange Day.

**MARCH 10, Saturday. C. A. C. A. L. Baseball. Hayward Hi vs Washington Hi at Centerville. First game of series.

**MARCH 17, Saturday. Charity Ball in evening. Nevils Pavilion, Pleasanton.

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E D I T O R I A L

STRAIGHT TALK

At the risk of having our motives misconstrued and misrepresented we are writing again this week to the people of this district. Through the Press and through our personal efforts at all times wherever we can get in a word we are making the fight to save the future of this township so far as its water supply is concerned. Our entire spare energy is given to this purpose. As Secretary of the water district we receive \$20 a month. For a year and a half we served at the rate of \$10 a month. How far this will go in the kind of a fight we have been engaged in making any one may determine for himself. The country newspaper that steers an aggressive, independent course against the schemes of corporations and their political allies cannot expect any support from them. More than that it drives away their support to the paper in opposition to us and which, whenever the occasion demands or the opportunity arises the corporations and their political allies have been able to use.

The only support upon which this paper can depend is the support of the people whose homes and lands are threatened. If we do not have that support we must rely on other means or abandon the fight. The subscription price of the Press is only \$2 a year. Under present conditions and with a large territory to cover and no large business center to draw from there is no money to be made even at this rate. Every additional subscription helps us to meet the current expenses of the paper which must be met every week. In return for the subscription we are trying to give you value received in a good local newspaper. We have given you something more, however, which you cannot buy and for which the Water District does not pay us and that is fidelity to your interests and to your children's interest in the future. Personally we have no property interests at stake in the township outside of the newspaper and that is not of enough value and never will be of enough value in our lifetime to warrant the time and effort required of us. Then why do we persist in running the paper or in asking your support for it? It is not because we are enamored with a desire to air our views. We would much

AT THE CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Niles, California

HARLEY H. GILL, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Church services, 11:00 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CENTERVILLE

REV. F. C. MURGOTTEN, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Kindergarten, 11:00 a. m.
Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.
First Sunday of the month, evening service, 7:45 p. m.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

Niles, California
Mass at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday.
Decoto, California
Mass at 11:00 a. m.

HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Centerville, California
Father A. M. Souza, pastor.
Father S. F. Baron, asst. pastor.
Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.
Sunday—Mass at 8 a. m. and 10:00 a. m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Irvington, California
H. V. WHITE, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School.
8 p. m. Preaching Services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newark, California
James Curry, D.D., Pastor.
Preaching services at 11 and 7:45 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting 7 p. m. Sabbath School 9:45 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Ladies Aid first and third Wednesday afternoon each month, Missionary Society last Fridays at 2:30 p. m.

rather prefer seclusion and rest. It is not because we are egotistic over our own importance. Our experience in the past ten years has put the soft pedal on any sense of self importance we may have had to begin with. We do not expect to make money out of the paper because that dream has long since faded away. Then why stick to the paper and ask you to support us? First, because we have gone so far in this fight to preserve the greatest resource of this section that we do not wish to abandon it now that there is a chance to work out the water problem successfully. Our experience of the past five years has taught us that the greatest safeguard of our fight is publicity. If the people know the situation and are honestly informed they are forewarned and their enemies, both open and secret may be fought effectively. There are so many angles to a fight of this kind; so far reaching and subtle that they require constant attention and action. The past five years has taught us many of the facts of the situation which another could just as well acquire but which takes time to acquire. What we have learned makes us better prepared to meet the new ones that arise. Above all to us the fight to work out the water supply problem successfully and justly is a fight worth while. While we are anxious to see it ended so that we might be at liberty to go ahead with other plans we realize that until such a settlement comes there is positive danger that new complications may arise and must be met. We believe that the paper is a necessary factor in the problem. A paper run in the public interest can serve effectively only so far as it can afford to be aggressive. It can only serve effectively when it can pay its bills. If the money comes by popular support the paper can afford to be independent both of the corporations and the political interests which are subservient to them.

The cost to us in the past has been more than most people realize and unless the paper is made self-supporting we cannot in justice to others persist in imposing upon them nor in justice to ourselves involve ourselves further. We are therefore frank in what we are saying to you. We intend to stay with the paper and the fight for a while longer and in the meantime we are going to ask those who have been loyal to the paper and the fight we have made to pay their own subscription in advance and also to ask them to endeavor to secure more new subscribers for us. The coming four months will decide whether we are to stay with the fight or relinquish it to others. If we are obliged to give up the most effective weapon we have, the paper as a means of publicity, then it is but natural that our usefulness to the water district and its fight must also come to an end. The enemies of the district know this as well as we do. If we must finally become convinced that the people whom we have honestly endeavored to serve do not consider the paper essential to the fight then of course we must accept the inevitable. In the meantime we are going to try to stick it out. Will you be with us?

OUR DISTRICT MUST FIGHT AGAIN

The Alameda County Water District is threatened with serious interference by Assembly Bill 1197 introduced by Assemblyman Charles Godsil of San Francisco. By the terms of the bill any property owner not served with water by the district may make application to the County Board of Supervisors to have his property withdrawn from the district. If the Board of Supervisors decides in his favor his land may be withdrawn. In whose interest the San Francisco assemblyman has introduced the bill and why he should be interested in County water districts especially can only be surmised by the past history of the districts already formed. When our own district was formed numerous corporations endeavored to have their lands exempted from the jurisdiction of the district. This was refused by the Board of Supervisors after a vigorous fight. Then the Dumbarton Land Co. endeavored to have the action of the Board of Supervisors set aside by the Superior Court. This was denied by Judge Burroughs of Lassen County before whom it was tried. The case was appealed and recently the Appellate Court sustained Judge Burroughs in his decision. Evidently the proposed bill is intended to reopen another method by which the same object may be accomplished by means of a Board of Supervisors. It has always been quite apparent that the Dumbarton Land Co. was acting as a stool pigeon for other corporations who would like to see the water district rendered harmless. Had the Dumbarton Co. been successful it would have paved the way for the Salt Companies, the Peoples Water Co., the Union Water Co., the Spring Valley Water Co., the Southern Pacific Co., and any other who wished to escape the jurisdiction of the district and aid in its disintegration to follow the example of the

Dumbarton Co. The result would first be to throw all the burden of the expense of the fight to protect the water rights of the district upon those who remained loyal to the district. It would lead to other complications as well and would mean the defeat of all that has so far been accomplished.

On its face the bill seems plausible but as everyone at all conversant with the purpose of our district knows that its primary purpose is first to prevent the theft of what water we now have left and that the question of furnishing water to property owners in the district can not be taken up until we first know whether we are to have any water or not. If we are unsuccessful in preventing the corporations from seizing our present supply and diverting it to San Francisco or Oakland then of course we shall not be able to serve any property owner with water. Whether intentionally or not Assemblyman Godsil is trying to kill off the law which has been so effectively used thus far to fight the attempted ruin of our section by the corporations particularly the Spring Valley Water Co. If the Godsil bill passes we will then be kept busy before the County Board of Supervisors most of whom are not directly representative of the interests of our section on this question. The effect would also be to cause the corporations interested to make a strong effort to secure the control of the Board of Supervisors.

The Pleasanton Water District would be even more seriously affected by the proposed law than our district. It would serve the purposes of the Spring Valley Water Co. most effectively as the withdrawal of such a large holding as the Spring Valley's at Pleasanton would practically render it useless. Should San Francisco buy out the Spring Valley properties it could accomplish the same purpose. The proposed bill is a most serious menace to our district and would be to any other district that would be organized hereafter. It ought to be killed and every friend of the Alameda County Water District should write to any legislator he may know and ask him to oppose Assembly Bill No. 1197.

The need of watchfulness on our part is emphasized by the introduction of this bill and demonstrates that the enemies of our section no matter how greatly they may purr are always active. Another two years will bring about great changes in the situation in our favor if we can hold the advance we have gained. The present law does not suit the corporations. That is the best reason for introducing it until the exploiters and robbers are driven off for good.

LA FOLLETTE IS RIGHT

Whether or not we agree as to the methods of defeating the request of President Wilson to arm merchant vessels, the fact remains that no truer representative of real democracy ever sat in the United States Congress than Robert M. La Follette. The granting of President Wilson's request was an indirect way of declaring war and meant handing over one of the most fundamental powers of Congress to the president. Congress alone has power to declare war and it alone should exercise that power. In spite of the stampede in Congress the abdication of this fundamental power by Congress should never be permitted. President Wilson, the leader of the Democratic party to-day is a Hamiltonian in thought and practice. Robert M. La Follette, Republican, is a Jeffersonian and the pioneer progressive in the United States senate. It is not the first time that La Follette has dared to oppose an overwhelming majority. His courage, consistency, and brains have done more to bring about the reform measures of Wilson's administration than any Democrat in the United States. Sober second thought has usually proved La Follette right. While not approving the ancient filibustering methods as a mode of legislative procedure the fight put up by these "wild men" in preventing the abdication of the great fundamental power of the legislative department of our great republic will in the end meet the approval of the American people. The president in seeking to defend the freedom of our commercial interests as Senator Cummings says is "Kaiserizing" the United States. Let Congress stay in Washington. Let it perform the duties that the constitution and the preservation of a republic demand. The president of the United States to-day, next to the Kaiser himself or the Czar of Russia or the President of China, has more power than most of the kings of the world. It is easy in times of popular excitement and danger to stab liberty to death. We believe any power granted to President Wilson would be used prudently and patriotically but the necessity for preserving the control of our government through the legislative branch is of more vital importance than any other function that can arise in a republic.

RIPARIAN TAX STILL COMING

The overlooked tax of the Spring Valley Water Company to the Alameda County Water District has not yet been paid although it is now two months since we called the attention of the county authorities to it. It is time that the matter was settled one way or the other. The money is due the water district and ought to be paid.

SULLIVAN FORCED OUT

T. J. Sullivan, who has been one of the most efficient roadmasters the Niles district has ever had has been asked to resign. The reason given has been that so many complaints against his work have been made that it has been found necessary to ask him to resign. This of course is the polite way of firing. Sullivan has been a good roadmaster. He is a good citizen but evidently he is no longer useful politically.

We believe Mr. Sullivan took a pride in his work as a roadmaster. We believe he was competent. There should be no other test in a public official. The exigencies of politics, however, concern themselves little with a man's services in road work.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROBATING WILL, ETC.
No. 22435.

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.
In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Oliver, who was also known as Jose de Oliveira Conde, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that a petition for the probate of the will of Joseph Oliver, who was also known as Jose de Oliveira Conde, deceased, and for the issuance to John Oliver of letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this Court, and that Tuesday, the 13th day of March, A. D. 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Courtroom of Department of No. 4, of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will, and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated, February 16th, 1917.
GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk.
By W. E. Adams Deputy Clerk.
Endorsed: Filed, February 16, 1917 Geo. E. Gross, Clerk. By W. E. Adams, Deputy.
Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., attorney for petitioner (Centerville Cal. 2-24-5t)

No. 22425 Dept. 4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

In the Matter of the Estate of JANE STEVENSON, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the Last Will and Testament of JANE STEVENSON, deceased, to all persons having claims against the said deceased, to file them with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, or to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executor, at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, Rooms 1101-1110 Union Savings Bank Building, Northeast corner of Broadway and Thirteenth Street, in the City of Oakland, California, which office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

EUGENE H. STEVENSON,
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of JANE STEVENSON, deceased.
Dated: Oakland, February 14, 1917.
Thomas C. Huxley,
Attorney for the Estate,
Union Savings Bank Building,
Oakland, California.
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NO. 22371.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH FREITAS who was also known as JOSEPH FRATES and also as JOSEPH FREITAS FRAGUEIRO, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executrix of the last will and testament of the above named deceased, to all persons having claims against said deceased to, within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda or exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to me at the office of Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., at Centerville, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

MARIA FREITAS,
Executrix of the last will and testament of JOSEPH FREITAS who was also known as JOSEPH FRATES and JOSEPH FREITAS FRAGUEIRO, deceased.
Dated: February 14, 1917.
Jno. G. Mattos, Jr.,
Attorney for executrix,
Centerville, California.
Date of first publication, Feb. 17, 1917.

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PERSONAL NEWS

NILES

Mrs. H. C. Ingram of Oakland entertained a number of friends yesterday afternoon (Friday) in honor of Miss Edna Sharpe.

Father J. A. Leal has contributed towards a Niles beautiful by having a rose arbor put in at the Catholic parsonage.

Miss Amy Bliss, who has been staying since November with her sister Mrs. L. Sheehan in San Jose, spent a few days this week with her mother Mrs. Julia Bliss in Niles. Mrs. Bliss returned with her to San Jose Tuesday for a few days visit.

Bruce Baldwin, who has been ill for some time was taken to the St. Francis hospital last week.

The Native Sons held their regular meeting on Thursday evening.

Mrs. John Dassel and Mrs. Gertrude Ellsworth went to Oakland Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dassel's cousin, Mr. Ed. Campbell. Mrs. Dassel remained to spend the week visiting with her sisters, Mrs. Wm. Dassel and Mrs. H. P. Roach.

Miss Margaret Duffy will spend the week end in San Jose visiting with her sister Mrs. Ed Martin.

Mr. Harry Walker was a visitor in Niles Monday. Mr. Walker was for a few years a resident here, where he has many friends.

Messrs. Creed Dominici, Vieux and George Duffy enjoyed a motor trip about the bay Sunday.

Mr. Fred Nelson was a city visitor Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell Robie and young son of Alvarado called at the Duffey home Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Abrott of Oakland visited Mr. Abrott's mother in Niles this week.

Mr. Wm. Catterlin has been laid up with lumbago following a strain suffered while at work at the California Brick Company plant.

Miss Mary Barnard spent the week end at Bluebird in the canyon near Sunol.

The many friends of Miss Mary Barnard and Mr. Niles Jacobus are congratulating them on their engagement, which has been informally announced. They will be married in June, following a romance that had its beginning when both were children in Niles. Both attended the Niles grammar school and graduated in the same class at the high school at Centerville in 1912. Miss Barnard has since her graduation attended the University of California at such times as her duties as a teacher

of music would permit. Mr. Jacobus has been with the American Photo Player Manufacturing Company, and for some time was in Chicago. Both young people are well known locally and have a host of warm friends.

The Niles Woman's Club was addressed Thursday afternoon by Mr. Arthur I. Street of the American Institute of Current History.

Trinity Guild held its regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Bonner as hostess.

Mrs. E. P. Mayhew is spending the week in San Francisco with her daughter Mrs. Will Cobb.

The blossoming orchards, the soft green hills, and the gay flowers in bloom in our gardens prove to us that spring is rapidly advancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Waldner of Seiby, Contra Costa County, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hunt, Mrs. Waldner remaining until Tuesday afternoon.

M. T. Duffey was in San Francisco Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Evans has been suffering with earache for the last two weeks. She has had both eardrums punctured.

Mrs. Moyer and children have returned from Oakland. The children are getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown and a friend visited the Duffey's Sunday.

Miss Irene and Evelyn Whitfield spent the week-end in San Francisco.

The Murphy family attended the ball given in Oakland Sunday.

Mrs. Nichols spent Sunday with her mother in San Jose.

Lester Rember of Sunnyvale spent Sunday with the Duffey's.

Vertner Calloun, Frank Zwissig, Joe Zwissig, and Marston Dassel were in Oakland Saturday night.

Mr. Fred Havens has been suffering from an attack of chicken pox but is able to be at school again.

Howard Plummer is the proud owner of a big Cadillac.

Dr. Lynch met with a motor accident the other day. His car struck the loose gravel on the Warm Springs road and overturned. Fortunately the Doctor was not seriously injured.

Edward Ellsworth, Ed Drennan and Frank Rose captured the wire thieves who have been disturbing the neighborhood last Monday night.

The men who rode away with Ed Drennan's car abandoned it near Santa Barbara. The car was uninjured.

Miss Myrtle McPherson is expected home next week for a month's visit.

Florence Roderick and George Beardsley attended the show in San Jose Sunday.

win this second game it will be a toss up for the third and if at Newark you will know in plenty of time to arrange to see it. We only pass the hat at our games and it is up to you if the game is good put something in if not do not. People who witnessed the game Sunday say that the umpire called two or three of our men out on bases that would probably have scored.

Look over this box score:

Newark	
AB. R. H. P. O. E.	
B. Silva, c. f.	5 0 0 0 1
Wales, l. f.	3 1 0 1 0
G. Brown, 3 b.	4 0 0 4 0
Snow, c.	4 0 1 2 0
Calderia 1 b.	4 1 0 10 2
W. Brown, s. s.	4 1 0 2 1
Soares, 2 b.	4 0 1 7 2
Nunez, r. f.	2 1 0 1 0
A. Silva, p.	4 0 2 0 0
Buchardi, r. f.	2 0 1 0 0
TOTAL	36 4 5 27 6

San Leandro Cubs	
AB. R. H. P. O. E.	
Christisen, 2 b.	4 1 1 4 1
Carl, c.	3 0 1 1 0
Rego, s. s.	4 1 1 5 0
Vargas, l. f.	4 1 2 1
Murphy, 1 b.	4 0 1 10 1
Hadden, c. f.	3 1 0 0 1
Cardoza, r. f.	4 0 1 0 0
Leonard, 3 b.	4 0 0 2 0
West, p.	4 1 0 0 1
TOTAL	34 5 6 24 5

Summary: Three base hits, Vargas; two base hits, Buchardi. Walked by Silva 1, West 1. Struck out by Silva 9, by West 4. Earned runs San Leandro 3, Newark 3. Hit by pitcher Cardoza by Silva.

IRVINGTON

Mr. Rasmus Rasmussen was taken to O'Connor's Hospital in San Jose on Monday of this week to be operated on Tuesday for the amputation of his leg. He is reported as doing nicely.

Lester Brewer was home Sunday for a visit with his parents.

Mr. Barkmeyer gave a banquet to a number of his friends last Friday evening.

Many people are planning to attend the Whist Tournament to be given in Irvington Hall on Saturday evening March 10th for the benefit of the civic center under process, or nearly under process' of construction. The final plan has been agreed upon and has been sent to Supervisor D. J. Murphy for approval.

Miss Arvella Brackett of Oakland visited friends in Irvington Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McCullough, formerly of Irvington, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Durham Thursday.

The Rebekahs of Irvington were entertained most enjoyably last Tuesday evening by the division under the leadership of Mrs. Sarah Decoto. Mr. Ed Ismert made quite a hit acting the part of the late arrival from Germany. Mrs. Decoto read a very clever paper of decided local interest. The next social evening will be under the charge of the division headed by Mrs. Leslie Sturtevant.

Miss Lila Rasmussen came home to visit her parents on Saturday and Sunday, after having been a couple of months in Piedmont.

Mr. Robert Wright spent Wednesday in San Francisco.

Sunday afternoon Miss Florence Roderick and Mr. George Berdsley motored to San Jose.

Born—a daughter to the wife of Elmer Graybill.

Born—a son to the wife of Mr. Joe Leal.

Mrs. Jenny McKenney visited friends for the week end in town.

Miss Cassie Christensen spent the week end with Miss Mavis Scribner.

MISSION

Mr. J. Correia has purchased a new seven passenger Jeffrey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Garcia visited with Mrs. Garcia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanac over the week end.

Mrs. Frank Katzer formerly of Mission San Jose is the proud mother of a baby boy born March 5, 1917.

Mr. Pearce visited friends in Oakland Monday.

Miss Irene and Evelyn Whitfield spent the week end in San Francisco.

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CENTERVILLE

Mr. S. Salz had a sudden attack of heart trouble Wednesday evening as a result of which both Dr. Emerson and Dr. Adams were summoned. He is being treated now by Dr. Adams.

The cannery is coming, as will be noted elsewhere.

J. A. Coney has been slightly under the weather this week with a cold.

F. T. Hawes spent Tuesday and Wednesday in San Francisco.

Deputy Assessor Emanuel George is going the rounds about the Township.

Miss Alvina Moore enjoyed a case of mumps last week.

LODGE MEETINGS

NILES LODGE, NO. 382, I.O.O.F. Meets every Monday evening at Niles. L. A. FRONITZ, N. G. FRED MITTE, V. G. P. A. ELLIS, Secretary. W. R. JOLLIFF, Treas.

MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W. Meets every second and fourth Fridays of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.

J. F. ROSE, Con. Com. JOS. SOITO, Adv. M. H. LEWIS, Clerk. M. S. ALMAIDA, Banker.

ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M. Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for 1917: Saturday evening, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 28, September 1, September 29, October 27, November 24, December 22. F. B. HARTMAN, W. M. A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROVING WILL, ETC. 22538

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. In the Matter of the Estate of CLARA SLAYTON Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a petition for the probate of the Will of Clara Slayton, deceased and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary thereon has been filed in this Court, and that Tuesday, the 27th day of March A.D. 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court room of Department No. 4, of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same. Dated, March 5th, 1917. GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk. By W. M. ADAMS, Deputy Clerk. First Publication March 10, 1917.

Miss Ina Bell returned from San Jose and Los Gatos with a very bad case of poison oak.

Mr. Harry Hansen, formerly undertaker for F. F. Bontelino, left for San Francisco last week. George Burns of the same place has taken his position.

St. James Guild will meet with Mrs. F. Murgotten on Wednesday, March 14th.

Sunday evening services of St. James were very interesting. Mr. F. Schirmerhorn and Miss Aller of Hayward kindly gave a solo each and a duette. Miss Ormsby and Mr. Houck with their violins and Mr. Chadbourne with his cornet accompanied the organ. After the services the Rev. Mr. Murgotten invited the congregation to spend a social hour in the Rectory. Many accepted. They were again treated to the songs of the visitors and delicious refreshments served. All united in thanks to the Hayward friends who had come so far to give the musical treat.

NEWARK

The Newark Chamber of Commerce held a largely attended open meeting Tuesday evening. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the school, although Tuesday was the regular meeting of the Chamber in the past. W. C. Graham and J. L. Bunker also made short talks. Eleven new members were taken into the body and altogether the meeting was most successful. Refreshments were served by the ladies in attendance before those present departed for their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. White went to Hollister Wednesday where Mr. White was called on business.

J. W. Hafner spent a few days of the week just past in the cities.

The streets in town have been improved materially by their being graded.

Mrs. M. E. Boles was in the city on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McTear of Fulton, California, are the proud parents of a daughter born Tuesday. Mrs. McTear was formerly Miss Emma Paise.

Miss Dorothy Hafner returned Saturday from a two weeks visit in Oakland.

Mrs. M. Reed was an Oakland visitor Wednesday.

Gossip is busy over the failure of a couple of Newark's young men to wake up at the proper place when returning from the city last Sunday evening and consequently having to go on to San Jose to spend the night. It is the second time one of them has failed to wake up, the first time resulting in his walking home from Mowry's and having nothing but his suitcase to eat by the way.

Mrs. Dora Greb was taken back to Lane's hospital in San Francisco Wednesday for treatment.

A number of local young men are expected to take the Civil Service examination for rural carrier today.

DECOTO

According to plans now being made Decoto is promised a much more efficient water supply by J. C. Shinn. Mr. Shinn is preparing to build a cement reservoir on the hillside above Niles and an auxiliary tank near the junction of the Decoto road and the State highway at Juhl's corner. The main reservoir on the Mayhew hillside will be sufficiently elevated to afford ample pressure for both Niles and Decoto and the tank at Decoto will give Decoto a much better service. Mr. Shinn has had the plans under consideration for some time and work will soon begin on the construction of the Niles reservoir. The installation of an adequate water system for Decoto will undoubtedly encourage the building of more homes here as the cost of boring a well and erecting a water tank in many cases prevents the building. The advantage of Decoto as a home site is bound to increase as time passes as it is less subject to flood than most parts of the township.

The Decoto race track near the Bell ranch bridge was the scene of some lively motorcycle tryouts last Sunday. "Schrimp" won easily on his Peerless making the half mile circle in 34 1/2 seconds. Another tryout is to be held next Sunday.

Manuel George, Deputy County Assessor, began his official field duties last Monday. Mr. George is one of the most conscientious and efficient deputies in the County Assessor's office.

Shipments of rhubarb are beginning to go out and green peas will soon be ready. Early potatoes are later than usual this year as the volunteer crop has been practically cut off by the severe frosts during the winter season.

Hi School Notes

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way the second half of the Junior English Class are to debate with the Seniors and they hope that they will be able to put up as good, if not better, argument on whatever question is decided on. The debate last Friday was a great improvement over others and the pupils and teachers who heard it, think it a success for through it there was enthusiasm and "pep". Let's hope this will not die now that it is begun.

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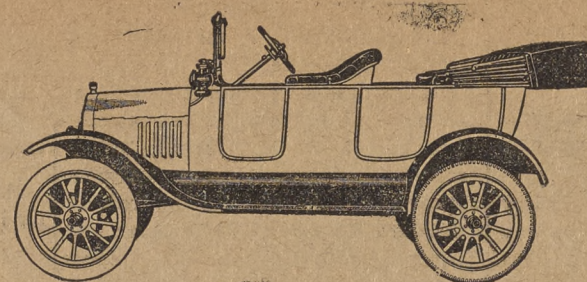
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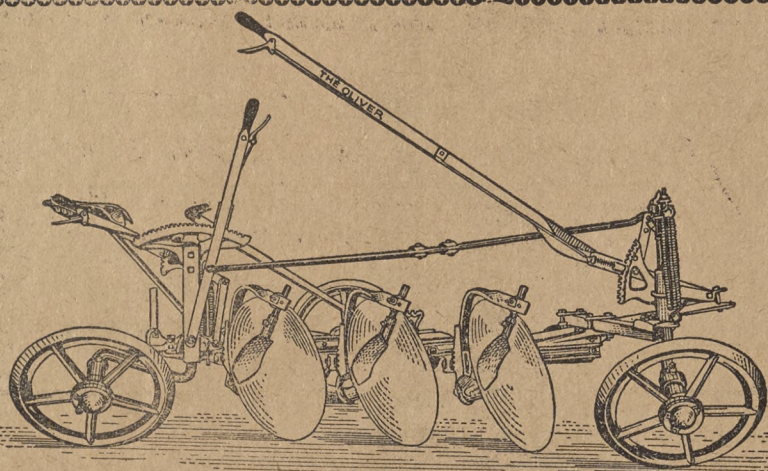
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